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limitation of a table having a top surface at one end with a recess for receiving a scoring unit. Claim 6 (as well as claims 10 and 17), which depends upon claim 1, further defines the recess at one end of the table as including an aperture. Thus, Applicants submit that the prior election is proper as the term "recess," as used in claim 1, is broad enough to encompass (i.e., reads on) a recess that extends completely through the table top (i.e., an aperture).

Applicants have attempted to contact the Examiner to resolve this matter, but have been unsuccessful in communicating directly with the Examiner. With this reply, Applicants again hereby confirm the election of species of Fig. 10, with traverse. Applicants again submit that generic claims 1, 8 and 15 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10. Further, Applicants submit that all the dependent claims with the exception of claims 3, 12 and 19 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner address this case on its merits.

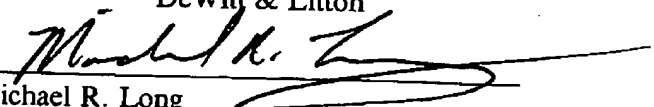
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

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